

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment courteously are solicited. The sole purpose in submitting this Amendment is to return claims 40-48 to the application as claims 49-57 respectively.

The undersigned is aware that he agreed to the cancellation of these claims in order to obtain allowance of the application. In retrospect, the undersigned and the Applicants submit that claims 40-48 all depended directly or indirectly from allowed claim 1. Even though claim 1 recites Applicants' apparatus while claims 40-48 recited Applicants' method, the method specifically requires use of the apparatus defined in allowed claim 1. Please note that the preamble of submitted claim 49 (prior claim 40) specifically recites a method of intermittent coating "using the apparatus according to claim 1". The remaining claims 50-57 (prior claims 41-48 respectively) all likewise include this requirement by their dependence from claim 49.

It is submitted that only minimal, if any, consideration would be involved in re-introducing these claims within the application. Again, this is because all of claims 49-57 require method steps with the apparatus defined in allowed claim 1. Hence, entry and consideration of this Amendment courteously is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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